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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Takao HASEGAWA et al. ) Confirmation No.: 2328  
Application No.: 10/581,197 ) Group Art Unit: 3721  
Filed: June 1, 2006 ) Examiner: Scott A. Smith  
For: STAPLING APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, the period for reply extends through May 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I (Claims 1-2) for examination.